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REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
Plainfield, N. H.  
INCLUDING THE REPORT OF  
THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

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## *State of New Hampshire.*

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, at Meriden, in said town, on the Second Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2d. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, and all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 3d. To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councilor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer and County Commissioner.

Article 4th. To bring in your votes for Representative to Congress in District No. 3.

Article 5th. To choose a Representative to represent said town in the General Court, to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

Article 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay Bonds, Interest on Bonds and Notes, and to defray town expenses for the year ensuing.

Article 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for repairs of Highways and Bridges.

Article 8th. To see if the town will vote to dispense with the Liquor Agent for the year ensuing.

Article 9th. To see what per cent. the town will allow on taxes paid before July first, and what before September first.

Article 10th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the report of town officers.

Given under our hands and seals, this twentieth day of February, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Five.

FRED MOULTON, ) *Selectmen*  
WILLIS K. DANIELS, ) *of*  
GEORGE J. FRENCH, ) *Plainfield.*

# REPORTS

OF THE OFFICERS

## Town of Plainfield,

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

### Selectmen's Report.

Resident valuation,	\$533,288 00
Non-resident, do.,	34,120 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$567,408 00</b>
Reduced valuation,	\$2,837 04
Tax on one dollar, \$ .0212	
State tax,	\$1,716 00
County tax,	1,764 22
School tax,	1,501 50
Town tax,	6,500 00
Percentage,	547 34
Dog tax,	89 00
School-house tax, No. 9,	400 00
Non-resident highway tax,	85 88
	<b>\$12,603 94</b>
Taxes on Collector's books, including percentage,	
State, County, School and Town tax,	\$12,029 06
School-house tax No. 9,	400 00
Non-resident highway tax,	85 88
Dog tax,	89 00
	<b>\$12,603 94</b>
Collectors were directed to pay to Town Treasurer,	
State, County, School, Town and School-	
house tax, District No. 9,	\$12,429 06
Settlement with Collector non-resident highway	
tax. Amount worked out,	79 38
In Collector's hands reported as assets,	6 50
Amount of dog tax,	89 00
	<b>\$12,603 94</b>



## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

NOTES OUTSTANDING, MARCH 1, 1875.

Abraham Spencer,	\$1,714 98
Thomas Reynolds,	1,574 75
Joseph D. Smith,	951 63
George Bryant,	500 91
John Gilkey,	493 81
Benjamin Lewin,	142 76
Lewis Cogswell,	370 24
Judith Eastman,	365 55
Henry E. Bean,	291 28
Jacob Read,	222 35
March Chase,	52 04
Elias French,	50 33
Marlin D. Rowell,	733 25
Apphiah Davis,	110 09

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\$7,573 97

Amount of Bonds outstanding,	\$38,300 00
Interest on same,	383 00

Amount due the several School Districts, \$179 43

Due Stephen D. Stone, Collector, 50 00

Orra C. Pierce, " 45 00

Fred Moulton, 1st Selectman, 97 50

Willis K. Daniels, 2d Selectman, 82 75

George J. French, 3d " 64 00

Chas. F. Gallup, Treasurer, 50 00

Josiah Davis, S. S. Committee, and books  
furnished, 44 74

Walter A. Norris, services Town Clerk, 53 00

For support of Lydia Fifield, 32 10

On Orders No. 31 and No. 87, not pre-  
sented, 8 83

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\$707 35

Total amount of Liabilities, \$46,964 32

## ASSETS.

Due on Mehitabel Eaton note, \$337 81

Due From C. W. Manchester, auction bill, 40 85

" Ethan Walker, auction bill, 7 42

" Elias Farnum, on Wyman Stone note, 112 16

" " " same received of Geo. M.

Smith, 24 75

" School Dist. No. 6 and 15, 5 50

" Samuel Davis, Collector 1871, 20 60

" Wm. H. Pierce, " " 37 50

" O. C. Pierce, " 1873, 163 22

" S. D. Stone, " 1873, 5 32

" " " " 1872, 1 12

Due From S. D. Stone, Collector 1874,	495 46
“ Orra C. Pierce, “ “	1,391 03
“ County Support of Paupers,	5 00
“ S. D. Stone, non-resident highway tax collected 1874,	6 50
“ Land Rent,	123 65
Due on State Bonds and interest on same,	11,211 00
Money in the hands of Town Treasurer,	1,265 50

Total amount of Liabilities brought forward,	\$15,254 39
“ “ Assets “ “	\$46,964 32
	15,254 39

Balance against the town,	\$31,709 93
Balance against the town reported last March,	\$35,200 66
“ “ “ March 1, 1865,	31,709 93

Reduction of debt of town,	\$3,490 73
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FRED MOULTON, } Selectmen  
W. K. DANIELS, } of  
GEO. J. FRENCH, } Plainfield.

Taxes abated, S. D. Stone, Collector, 1872,	12 07
“ “ “ “ 1873,	38 35
“ O. C. Pierce, “ “	33 64
“ S. D. Stone, “ 1874,	39 99

### Pauper Report.

FRED MOULTON AND WILLIS K. DANIELS,  
To Town of Plainfield, **Dr.**

To money drawn by orders for support of paupers,	\$1,154 34
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### **Cr.**

By cash paid for support of County Paupers.

“ Elizabeth Wilmot,	\$81 00
“ Betsey Packard,	81 00
“ Elizabeth Harrington,	21 60
“ Dennis Alexander,	4 50
“ Dillis Strong,	11 00
“ Alonzo J. Chapman, in 1873,	4 50
“ Benjamin C. Stone, “	4 75
“ Ira Kimball, (\$5 00 in 1873,)	10 00
“ Mercer Jordan, including Doctor's bill of \$29 50,	110 80
“ Lydia Sweet, including Doctor's bill of \$15 00,	90 77

\$419 92

### TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Support of Polly Chamberlin,	\$108 62
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Paid support of Caleb Sweet,	66 59
“ Elmer Cutts,	39 53
“ Emma Cutts for 1873,	15 00
“ William R. Jordan,	6 00
“ Adda Cory,	1 00
“ Lorenzo Dunklee, including burial,	115 05
“ Wyman Stone family,	136 76
“ Eliza Jordan,	64 75
“ Fred Cory, 1 pr. boots,	4 00
To paid Town of Lebanon, aid for O. S. Scribner,	9 71
“ For Daniel Brocklebank, Dr's bill,	25 00
“ “ Mehitable Eaton,	14 60
“ “ Asenith Bell,	90 56
“ “ Mrs. Flora Hadley,	31 75
“ “ Transient persons,	5 50
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	\$1,154 34
Paid by order on the Treasurer, support of Lydia Fifield,	27 00
Paid for County Paupers, not allowed by County,	7 00
Due for support of Lydia Fifield, not paid,	32 10
Total cost Town paupers,	\$800 52

### Treasurer's Report.

#### TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

	Dr.
To Charles F. Gallup,	
Paid orders of the Selectmen as follows :	
No. 1. Orra C. Pierce, services as Collector, 1873,	\$45 00
“ 2. S. D. Stone, services as Treasurer and Collector, 1873,	100 00
“ 3. A. P. Jenney, services as Selectman 1873,	88 00
“ 4. D. G. Stickney, services as Selectman, and balance due on pauper account,	193 94
“ 5. Willis K. Daniels, services as S. S. Committee 1873,	36 52
“ 6. Josiah Davis, services as Selectman, and expense to Windsor in Peniniman case,	88 25
“ 7. Willis K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	17 55
“ 8. J. F. Raynsford on execution E. Farnum,	73 07
“ 9. Fred Moulton, services as Auditor and express,	5 00
“ 10. Fred Moulton, Reports, Invoice, Highway and Collector's Books,	44 33
“ 11. Fred Moulton, for Mortgage Record Book,	5 40

No. 12.	Dennis Bryant, plank and labor on highway 1873,	2 57
" 13.	Fred Moulton, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 14.	Elias French, endorsement on note,	200 00
" 15.	Geo. W. Fifield, support of School No. 12,	13 00
" 16.	Willis K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 17.	E. H. Cheney, printing Blank Orders,	6 50
" 18.	H. D. Heath, principle and interest on notes,	1,273 15
" 19.	Fred Moulton, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 20.	Jonathan Sargent, support of School No. 13,	23 00
" 21.	S. D. Stone, for non-resident highway tax,	4 44
" 22.	A. W. French, for support of School No. 7,	38 00
" 23.	Chas. G. Newton, " " No. 16,	30 00
" 24.	Wm. C. True, services as Auditor, 1873,	4 00
" 25.	B. C. Daniels, support of School No. 3,	52 17
" 26.	W. K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	20 67
" 27.	L. L. Bailey, support of School No. 4,	16 50
" 28.	Geo. W. Fifield, support of School No. 12,	27 00
" 29.	Geo. Bryant, cash paid John Stevens for splitting stone in L. Morse Dis., 1873,	3 00
" 30.	C. C. Beckley, for medical services and medicine rendered Eliza Jordan, by order of Selectmen, 1873,	61 68
" 31.	Not presented.	
" 32.	E. G. Beers, medical service rendered to Wyman Stone and Lorenzo Dunklee, 1873,	8 00
" 33.	J. G. Ticknor, fees and services in pauper case, Plainfield vs. Springfield,	7 84
" 34.	J. J. Barrows & H. Brown, for repairs of Town Hall, and blinds and painting of same, and new steps,	117 12
" 35.	John M. Cole, support School No. 2,	57 75
" 36.	Samuel Davis, School-house tax No. 9,	250 00
" 37.	L. L. Bailey, support of School No. 4,	68 42
" 38.	Samuel Davis, " " " 9,	100 00
" 39.	Geo. W. Austin, " " " 6,	55 00
" 40.	J. J. Jordan, " " " 5,	38 50
" 41.	W. K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	50 00
" 42.	Fred Moulton, " " "	150 00
" 43.	W. K. Daniels " " "	65 00
" 44.	Cheever Knight, over tax, (exemption)	10 60
" 45.	John G. Stevens, " " "	5 30
" 46.	S. R. Moulton, School-house tax No. 9,	150 00
" 47.	W. K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	65 00
" 48.	L. H. Sanderson, support of School No. 8,	84 35
" 49.	W. K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	100 00
" 50.	Fred Moulton, " " "	100 00
" 51.	Geo. J. French, labor on highway, Mt. road,	32 25
" 52.	C. C. Beckley, recording births and deaths,	5 25



No. 53.	Geo. C. Freeman, support of School No. 1, in 1873,	9 00
" 54.	John Poole, support of School No. 14,	21 00
" 55.	Wm. F. Ladiew, pass over land,	5 00
" 56.	Hubert Sleeper, recording births and deaths,	3 75
" 57.	Levi L. Bailey, support of School No. 4,	39 00
" 58.	Jabez Porter, pass over land,	5 00
" 59.	Chas. G. Newton, support of School No. 16,	43 02
" 60.	Samuel Davis, " " " 9,	33 00
" 61.	J. F. Johnson, over tax,	3 18
" 62.	Geo. W. Fifield, support of Lydia Fifield,	27 00
" 63.	S. D. Stone, express on County tax and paid Dept. Sec. of State copy of non-resi- dent tax,	1 94
" 64.	Noah Thompson, support of School No. 1,	49 80
" 65.	O. C. Davis, plank and stone for highway,	21 42
" 66.	John Poole, support of School No. 14,	30 00
" 67.	M. F. Colby, " " " 10,	10 00
" 68.	" " " " " "	54 00
" 69.	Noah Thompson, support of School No. 1,	50 00
" 70.	Chas. F. Gallup, County tax,	1,764 22
" 71.	" " State tax,	1,716 00
" 72.	Junias A. Spencer, principle and interest on note,	53 85
" 73.	Fred Moulton, support of Paupers,	100 00
" 74.	Moses Fifield, repair of highway near R. Moore's,	25 00
" 75.	B. F. Manchester, support of School No. 15,	75 00
" 76.	A. P. Jenney, over tax,	1 00
" 77.	Willard Hayward, lumber and labor on highway,	21 38
" 78.	John W. Peterson, lumber and labor on highway,	16 15
" 79.	E. F. Lewin, pass over land,	3 00
" 80.	Edwin Bryant, damage to horse, wagon and harness, defect in highway,	8 00
" 81.	William H. Pierce, pass over land,	3 00
" 82.	Ephraim Whitaker, damage to his person by defect in highway near Geo. Westgate's,	25 00
" 83.	Giles Hastings, lumber for highway,	28 80
" 84.	E. R. Spaulding, " "	10 33
" 85.	Abraham Spencer, interest on note,	101 88
" 86.	Willis K. Daniels, support of Paupers,	100 00
" 87.	Not presented.	
" 88.	A. P. Jenney, lumber for highway,	2 90
" 89.	Chas. H. Daniels, lumber and labor for highway,	61 14
" 90.	F. J. Morgan, error in taxes,	11 85
" 91.	J. B. Sargent, support of School No. 13,	16 32
" 92.	Wm. L. Martin, repairing mountain road,	74 75



No.	93.	B. E. Davis, over tax,	6 36
"	94.	Geo. W. Fifield, support of School No. 12,	25 58
"	95.	J. J. Jordan, " " " 5,	50 00
"	96.	Chas. Strong, support of watering trough,	3 00
"	97.	D. D. Freeman, " " " "	1 50
"	98.	Samuel Davis, support of School No. 9,	173 27
"	99.	Wm. C. True, " " " 11,	98 69
"	100.	B. C. Daniels, " " " 3,	53 25
"	101.	Thomas Eastman, principle and interest on note,	1,195 00
"	102.	L. J. McIndoe's Estate, printing check- lists, 1873,	7 00
"	103.	A. W. French, support of School No. 7,	62 00
"	104.	L. L. Bailey, " " " 4,	96 33
"	105.	Levi H. Sanderson, " " 8,	91 50
"	106.	Fred Moulton, support of Paupers,	200 00
"	107.	Moses Fifield, support of watering trough and labor on highway,	4 20
"	108.	Reuben Moore, labor and plank, and breaking road,	9 42
"	109.	John M. Cole, support of School No. 2,	65 92
"	110.	John Lovrien, driving hearse 13 times and oiling harness,	17 50
"	111.	J. J. Jordan and F. J. Morgan, on execu- tion against town, injunction case,	53 30
"	112.	Elias F. Stickney, lumber on highway,	2 00
"	113.	George Bryant, interest on note,	73 93
"	114.	John M. Cole, lumber on highway,	26 55
"	115.	A. S. Bartholomew, Admr. of T. D. John- son, money in trust,	1,042 32
"	116.	Joseph B. Hall, breaking road on mountain,	5 00
"	117.	Wood, Eaton & Co., over tax on land and lumber,	3 18
"	118.	James F. Eaton, over tax, exemption,	10 60
"	119.	Willard Hayward, support watering trough,	1 00
"	120.	Jesse Davis, principle and interest on note, and over tax,	167 08
"	121.	Stephen Hersey, plank for highway,	1 20
"	122.	James Freeman & Co., delivering lumber for Burnap bridge,	1 50
"	123.	John P. Chellis, over tax,	2 12
"	124.	John Barker, building culvert, plank and breaking road,	18 75
"	125.	Willis K. Daniels, damage to wagon and harness, postage and stationery,	8 08
"	126.	Orra C. Davis, labor and plank for highway,	3 77
"	127.	Phillip Snow, labor on highway and break- ing road,	11 08
"	128.	C. Cole and G. Hastings, wood and light for room and Town Hall,	4 50

No. 129.	O. C. Pierce, support of watering trough,	3 00
" 130.	Joseph Bean, labor on highway and breaking road,	8 32
" 131.	O. C. Pierce, labor and lumber on highway 1873-4,	15 06
" 132.	C. B. Dean, labor, use of tools and breaking road,	9 75
" 133.	Fred Moulton, stationery, postage, blank books, express, copy of record and taking depositions,	8 16
" 134.	Giles Hastings, breaking roads,	16 53
" 135.	Ezekiel Stone, support of watering trough,	3 00
" 136.	D. A. Morgan, plank for highway,	1 88
" 137.	Fred Moulton, support of Paupers,	36 12

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Amount of Orders paid,	\$12,500 20
Bonds paid, drawn July 1, 1874,	2,000 00
Paid on Town Bond Coupons,	2,259 00

Paid Orders given by former Selectmen 1873.

No. 117.	John French, breaking roads,	\$ 4 00
" 154.	Cheever Knight, over tax,	11 00
" 155.	A. W. French, expense for Mrs. Prest, ordered by F. J. Morgan, Overseer of poor,	3 00
" 156.	A. B. Chellis, pass over land,	6 00
" 157.	Geo. W. Fifield, support of Lydia Fifield in 1873,	25 00

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\$49 00

Total amount Orders, Bonds and Coupons paid, \$16,808 20

### Treasurer's Receipts.

Rec'd of S. D. Stone, bal. in Treasury on last settlement,	\$117 04
John T. Duncan, land rent,	5 10
D. G. Stickney, Selectman, 1873,	225 60
John Gilkey, land rent,	8 00
Selectmen, same had of M. D. Rowell,	700 00
S. D. Stone, non-resident highway tax, 1873,	3 34
for State Bond Coupons,	726 00
of George French, land rent,	11 66
County, support of Paupers,	440 73
Savings Bank tax,	685 51
Railroad tax,	35 56
Literary Fund,	148 01
U. S. Bounty,	128 00
of John Gilkey, land rent,	8 00
John H. Broklebank, land rent,	2 50
John T. Duncan, land rent,	2 55



Rec'd of S. D. Stone, Collector, 1872,	8 00
"    "    "    1873,	366 51
"    "    "    interest, 1873,	8 15
"    "    "    1874,	6,100 78
O. C. Pierce,    "    1873,	314 14
"    "    "    1874,	4,401 80
"    "    "    interest, 1873,	6 22
for Town Bonds sold,	2,600 00
State    "    "	1,017 50
of Ezekiel Stone, auction bill,	3 00
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Total amount received,	\$18,073 70
"    "    Orders paid, Bonds and Coupons brought forward,	\$16,808 20
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Balance in Treasury,	\$1,265 50
WM. C. TRUE, } Auditors. A. J. CHELLIS, }	

## DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District.	Division, 1874.	Unpaid, 1873.	Overdrawn, 1873.	Total.	Paid, 1874.	Overdrawn, 1874.	Due March 1, 1875.
1	86 27	22 56		108 83	108 80		03
2	93 13	35 00		128 13	123 67		4 56
3	106 12		70	105 42	105 42		
4	193 37	60 19		253 56	220 25		33 31
5	87 02	2 10		89 12	88 50		62
6	53 68		2 00	51 68	55 00	3 32	
7	102 01			102 01	100 00		2 01
8	152 73	72 20		224 93	175 85		49 08
9	306 27			306 27	306 27		
10	93 89	62 59		156 48	97 10		59 38
11	98 69			98 69	98 69		
12	68 44	2 35		70 79	65 58		5 21
13	39 32			39 32	39 32		
14	65 64	8 64		74 27	51 00		23 27
15	72 82			72 82	75 00	2 18	
16	55 05	14 52		74 98	73 02		1 96
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						5 50	179 43

## DOG REPORT.

In Treasury,	\$49 43
Due on Collector's books,	45 00
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	\$94 43

Amount of Orders given by Selectmen for damage done to sheep by dogs.

No. 1. James L. Stickney,	\$ 2 50
" 2. Stephen Hersey,	2 50
" 3. Dimick Baker,	30 00
" 4. Meritt F. Colbey,	12 00
" 5. Samuel Davis,	2 75
" 6. Geo. S. Hanchetts,	2 75
" 7. Geo. French,	3 00
" 8. John H. French,	5 00
" 9. Henry C. Farnum,	2 50
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	\$63 00
W. K. DANIELS, Selectman.	

REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING MARCH 8, 1875.

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The Superintending School Committee respectfully present the following Report.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Hattie J. Hildreth, of Cornish. I found here three very essential properties towards a successful school. A wide-awake, practical teacher, a pleasant school-room, and punctual attendance of scholars. The recitations of the different classes were good. The reading and spelling would do credit to scholars of more advanced years. Length of school 10 weeks. No. scholars 8.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Eliza L. Whitaker, with good success. Length of school 8 weeks. No. scholars 8.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Lizzie K. Gallop kept the Summer Term of 10 weeks. No. scholars 12. A little more energy on the part of the teacher was necessary for a successful school. Yet I think Miss Gallop labored conscientiously for the good of her pupils. A few roguish boys will turn the scale of a school the wrong way, unless promptly and rightly dealt with.

Which scale tended the right direction under the management of Miss Mary A. Freeman, who took charge of the Winter Term of 12 weeks. Miss Freeman is one among the favored few whose calling as a teacher is perceptible by the management and deportment of her school. Teacher and scholars worked together in harmony. Some very fine scholars here. In Writing this school bears off the palm by the neatness and evident pains taken. Natural History was among the studies. No. scholars 16.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer and Winter Terms, of 11 and 10 weeks, were taught by Mrs. Frances A. Hyde, of Lebanon, an experienced and faithful teacher. Success in all things was the aim of both teacher and pupils. In scholarship this ranks among the first in town. Algebra and Physiology were among the studies pursued. No. scholars, Summer Term 13, Winter 15.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This District has had three terms of school, 35 weeks in all, taught by Miss Martha E. Westgate, whose past experience as a successful teacher is too well known for comment. The examination at the close of the Summer Term spoke well for all concerned. Quite a number of citizens were present and expressed their encourage-



ments to teacher and pupils. In the Fall and Winter Terms good advancement was made in all the studies. The greatest fault here is the irregularity of attendance. No teacher can do justice to themselves, or their pupils, without regular attendance. Parents, you are held responsible for this. In this school there are some No. 1 scholars. Algebra and Physical Geography were studied. No. scholars, Summer Term 32, Fall and Winter Terms about 40.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer and Winter Terms, of 10 weeks each, were taught by Miss Martha E. Ladiew. This school is far below what it should be, and with all respect to the citizens of the District, I would ask you the cause? Is it because your interest in your school is below what it should be? Visit your school, friends, and mark the results. I noticed communications between the scholars, which ought not to be allowed, and too much of an undertone in recitations. There are a few instances of commendable scholarship. No. scholars, Summer Term 13, Winter Term 16.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Lottie F. Torrey made her first attempt at teaching and spent 12 weeks of Summer profitably to herself and pupils. The pupils were young and very irregular. This District should contrive some way to have more school. Board and fuel would be quite an item if donated by the District; and a little more interest on the part of the parents would lessen the number of absent and tardy marks on the Register. No. scholars 11.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The Summer Term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss Mary E. Bean, who faithfully labored to discharge her duty to those under her care, and her labors were rewarded by the respect and love of her pupils. Good attendance was shown by the Register. No. scholars 23.

The Winter Term, of 12 weeks, was taught by Mr. Chas. Baker, who labored for a good school and succeeded admirably. This school has many draw-backs. First, but not the least, an unfit school-room, this cold Winter, has made it decidedly uncomfortable. Those upon the wall seats would suffer with cold, (as your Committee can testify,) while those nearer the stove must suffer with heat. Consequently, changing of seats cannot be avoided, which causes more noise and confusion than would otherwise be. Good progress was made under these unfavorable circumstances. No. scholars 38.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer Term was commenced by Miss Linna A. Talbot, but left after two days for reasons best known to herself, when Miss Marion Westgate, one of our best qualified teachers, possessing not only knowledge itself, but the faculty of imparting it to others, took charge of the school, a term of 12 weeks. Under her management there was shown at the close of the school the greatest improvement. No District need fear the result with Miss Westgate at the helm. No. scholars 13.

James F. Sanderson taught the Winter School, of 12 weeks. A fair advancement was made in all studies pursued; not quite that life and energy manifested desirable in recitations. Mr. Sanderson's ability and strength would be called forth to his advantage in a larger school. No. scholars 12.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

The Summer Term of school was the largest in town, numbering 46 scholars. Miss Ella M. Davis took charge of the school for the term of 12 weeks. Her first step

was to organize the school for work. Order was as nearly perfect as we are accustomed to see and the instruction was very careful and accurate. Miss Davis proves herself to be one of our best teachers. The scholars deserve praise for the advancement made. The Grammar Department, Winter Term of 12 weeks, was taught by Ora C. Davis, who is a firm believer in Heaven's first law, order, which was maintained. When finding that kind words and gentle means failed, he applied the rod; consequently, a few, rather than to obey, left school. Parents should not blame teachers for doing what they fail to do. Other than two instances the school proved very pleasant and profitable. The Writing Books were commendable, ranking next best in town. At the closing examination the school did well. The teacher's aim was not to see how *much* but how *well* they could do. The Primary Department was placed under the charge of Miss Davis, and, as heretofore, with good results. The Reading, Spelling, Writing and Arithmetic lessons were praiseworthy for so young scholars, numbering 26 between 8 and 13 years. A number of citizens were present at the closing examinations. This District have repaired their school buildings the past Summer and Autumn at an expense of about \$450 00, making some very pleasant and convenient school-rooms.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Summer Term, of 12 weeks, kept by Kate I. Colby. No. Scholars 3. The number of perfect lessons reported by the teacher was 98 per cent., which speaks well for the school.

The Fall Term, of 12 weeks, was taught by Miss Hattie Dyer, of Lebanon. The examination at the close of the school was a success to teacher and pupils, and a rare treat to parents and friends present. I noticed an expression on the face of our friend, Col. Colby, who was present, seeming to say, "beat this if you can," and taking into consideration the age of the pupils it would be hard. Encourage them on, Col. No. scholars 4.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

One Term, of 16 weeks, taught by Willie Wood. His first attempt. As the school is still in session I cannot give you a full report. When I visited the school I found Mr. Wood to be at home in the school-room, and a profitable school. No. scholars 8.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

The Summer Term was commenced by Miss Hellen M. Hough, of Lebanon, but after two weeks left on account of ill health. The rest of the term, 8 weeks, was under the care of Miss Linna A. Talbot. The school appeared well, but a little more energy and ambition on the part of both teacher and scholars would improve their recitations greatly. No. of scholars 16.

The Winter Term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss Eliza L. Whitaker, who seemed to labor for a good school. A fair advancement was made on the part of some scholars, but as a whole, not quite what it should be. Some dissatisfaction was noticed, which is very unpleasant and damaging to any school. It is impossible for any teacher to accomplish much against "wind and tide." My advice to the citizens of this District is to "Bury the Hatchet," procure good teachers and support them; then you will see your school rising towards what it should be. No. scholars 19.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

The Summer Term, of 6 weeks, was taught by Miss Hattie B. Dyer, who had her



first experience as a teacher. Her efforts were eminently successful, possessing those qualities which fit her for an efficient teacher. No. scholars 8.

The Winter Term, of 11 weeks, was taught by Mrs. Emma J. Sargent, of Enfield, an experienced and faithful teacher. She had a pleasant school, and good advancement was made in all the studies. The first class in Arithmetic equal to any in town. No. scholars 18.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

One Term of school, and was commenced by Miss Mary E. Case, her first attempt. She lacked knowledge of the best method to manage a school and gave it up, after a trial of 7 weeks, when Mrs. G. W. Soule, of Lebanon, an experienced and thorough teacher, finished the term, giving good satisfaction to all concerned. This is a backward school. No. scholars 13.

#### DISTRICT No. 15

May consider itself among the favored few in securing the services of so efficient a teacher as Miss Mary E. Chellis, who labored faithfully 12 weeks in Autumn. All classes did well. The first classes in Reading and Arithmetic were very good. The scholarship of this school is very uneven, making many classes for so small a school. Miss Chellis won the love and esteem of her pupils. No. scholars 10.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

Miss Charlotte Nichols, of Lebanon, was procured to stay here 8 weeks in Summer. No. scholars 3 little girls. Of course they learned.

The Fall Term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss M. Millie Miller, who labored for the good of her pupils. No. scholars 9.

I understand there has been some talk in this District of the necessity of a better school-house. If kind Providence should favor them with a rain-storm when they have their Annual Meeting it might prove beneficial to them.

Writing has been attended to in every school but one. The books show generally good improvement and have been carefully kept. A change in text books is needed. They should be reduced to the lowest possible number, and by all means a uniformity. Parents, don't buy books unless you know they are the kinds wanted.

The foregoing is a careful statement of the condition and progress of the several schools as they appeared to your Committee on visiting them, and evidently great pains have been taken by the Prudential Committee to employ teachers of known ability, and with few exceptions they have been first-class, performing their labors faithfully and meriting the thanks of their patrons.

In submitting my Report I would express my thanks for the respect and deference shown me by teachers, scholars and parents. Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH DAVIS, Superintending School Committee.

## Roll of Honor.

The following scholars have attended school one whole term without a mark of absence or tardiness.

- Dis. No. 1. Lizzie M. Freeman, 2 terms. Hattie O. Spaulding, 2 terms. Ida J. Thompson, C. Herbert Peterson.
2. Lydia A. Hadley, Hattie M. Pierce, Byron E. Lewin, Herbert E. Ward, Bennie F. Ward, Arthur Wilson.
3. Mary H. Daniels, Carrie Hadley, Arthur Hadley.
4. Nellie A. Case, George Ruggles, Hanson Nash.
5. Mary A. Small, Frankie L. Jordan.
6. None.
7. Ella B. French, 2 terms. Fannie G. French, 2 terms. Loenda Wood, Lizzie A. Spaulding, Frank E. Corey, Fred G. Strong, Frank B. French.
8. Lizzie M. Sanderson, Viola M. Clark, Abbie Clark, Emma Andrews, Nathan R. Andrews.
9. Emma Stearns, Mary Catlin, Minnie B. Bean, Vinnie C. Davis, George W. Carr, Allie Barrows.
10. Alice M. Colby.
11. Not reported.
12. Minnie A. Cobb, Henrietta Moore.
13. Ida F. McColister.
15. Charlie S. Hersey, Eddie Beers.
- 14 & 16. None.

J. D.



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